



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Rory A.J. Curtis and M.
Alexandra Glucksmann

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For: *ISOLATED PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACID
MOLECULES HAVING HOMOLGY TO THE NIP2
PROTEIN AND USES THEREOF*

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REQUEST FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicants request a two-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated July 18, 2001. An Amendment and Response to Final Office Action was filed on October 18, 2001. A Notice of Appeal is being filed herewith.

Enclosed is a check which covers the appropriate fee of \$400.00 based on large entity status. Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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